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Sioux City Air Traffic Control Tower LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 02-02

SUBJECT: IFR Separation for VFR Aircraft Conducting Practice Instrument Approaches

CANCELLATION: October 30, 2004

BACKGROUND: Sioux City Approach Control provides Air Traffic Control (ATC) services to airports located within the Sioux City Approach Control area. One of these services is to provide IFR separation to VFR aircraft making practice instrument approaches to certain identified airports. The service is available on a first come, first served basis. This letter establishes procedures and provides information regarding this service.

PROCEDURES. The following procedures are in addition to applicable Federal Aviation Regulations and guidelines published in the Aeronautical Information Manual regarding VFR flight.

1. Sioux City Approach Control will provide standard IFR separation to VFR aircraft (except that 500 feet vertical separation may be applied between VFR aircraft and VFR and IFR aircraft), for VFR aircraft practicing IFR approaches at the following airports listed below. ATC responsibility for separation begins at the point where the approach clearance becomes effective and ends at the Missed Approach Point.

Applicable Airports:

1. Le Mars, IA (LRJ)
2. Mapleton, IA (MEY)
3. Vermillion, SD (VMR)
4. Wayne, NE (LCG)
5. Sioux City Gateway Airport (SUX)

2. VFR arrival aircraft should contact Sioux City Approach on 124.6 MHz. VFR aircraft departing SUX should contact Ground Control on 121.9 MHz and state intentions.

3. State the name of the instrument approach(es) desired. State your intentions upon completion of the practice approach (i.e., full stop, touch-and-go, or missed approach).

4. Radar advisories near secondary airports may not be available below 3,500 feet MSL due to radar limitations.

5. Pilots operating VFR are expected to maintain VFR at all times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matt Rostermundt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Matt Rostermundt
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